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Division is a complete unit in itself; it is related to the rest of the Bureau of the Census only in that it obtains from the Division of the Population and from the Geographer facts of population for census and intercensal years for purposes of calculating rates. The Division also has its own mechanical equipment.

The Division has an appropriation of \$825,000 for the three years constituting the decennial period, the first year of which ended June 30, 1920. This amount is divided into \$250,000 yearly, and \$75,000 for printing.

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National Health Council

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

New Wholesale Price Index. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has recently completed the preparation of an index number of the prices of twenty basic commodities with the object of securing a representative index which can be carried forward from week to week from readily available quotations. The index is an aggregate of weighted prices of twenty raw materials at primary markets. The commodities contained in the index were selected because of their representative character in agriculture, industry, and trade. The weights were determined in the first instance by the amounts of the different commodities produced in the United States and imported from the years 1913 to 1920, but these weights were adjusted so that agriculture, mining, and manufacture might be weighted in accordance with their importance. A thorough search of sources was made in order to secure for each commodity a representative quotation which would be available promptly. The following commodities were included and weighted as indicated: wheat, 9; corn, 5; hogs, 7; steers, 7; sugar, 3; hides, 6; wool, 4; silk, 1; cotton, 11; rubber, 2; pig iron, 8; copper, 3; lead, 1; coal, 12; petroleum, 5; lumber, 7; cement, 1; paper, 4; sulphuric acid, 1; tobacco, 3.

Statistics of Public Accidents. The Statistical Committee of the Public Safety Section of the National Safety Council is planning a reporting system for public accidents in American cities. It is proposed first to establish a registration area for public accidents. The committee has drafted forms for uniform recording of the following types of public accidents: highway vehicular accidents, highway non-vehicular accidents, buildings and structures accidents, general accidents, and elevator accidents. Two sets of forms are provided: first, a preliminary record of the accident made by the police or safety officer at the time of the accident, and second, a more complete form giving details developed after investigation and abstracted from court records. The detailed form is to be forwarded to the Public Safety Section of the National Safety Council at convenient times during the year, and the results are to be tabulated and published for the information of the safety movement. Dr. L. I. Dublin is chairman of the committee having this work in charge. Information regarding the reporting system may be obtained from Mr. F. M. Rosseland, Chief, Public Safety Section, National Safety Council, 168 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

A New British Trade Barometer. The London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London) has followed the example of Harvard University in developing a monthly "Barometer" of the condition of trade and finance. After preparatory work throughout the year 1921, the first results were published in the "Reconstruction of Europe" supplement of the *Manchester Guardian*, April 20, and the publication in this form is arranged for six months, at the end of which time it is hoped that the undertaking will be put on a permanent footing. The barometer gives a large number of series, monthly from January 1919, selected as illustrating the tone of the money and securities markets, production, prices, foreign trade, and employment; these are shown both in tabular and graphic form. From the series are selected four which are believed to be specially symptomatic, and it is hoped that sufficient experience will soon be obtained to allow useful descriptions and even forecasts of the general state of trade. Besides the main section which deals with Great Britain, similar accounts are obtained from Germany, Italy, France, and Belgium, and the whole is given in conjunction with the Harvard account of the United States. The work in London is under the direction of Professor A. L. Bowley.

Report on the Coal Miners. The Russell Sage Foundation has published recently the conclusions of its investigations of the coal industry in a report entitled, *The Coal Miners' Insecurity*. Most of the investigations, which have been carried on for several years, were under the direction of Dr. Louis Bloch. The analysis of the industry points to the outstanding fact of the workers' economic insecurity, due in large measure to the irregularity of employment and the amount of unemployment, which makes a marked discrepancy between earnings and the rate of pay. Such insecurity is traced directly to the organization of the industry, which is greatly over-expanded. The various conclusions of the report are discussed under the following topics: the consumption of coal, the capacity of the mines, the increase in mines and miners, intermittent employment and its causes, seasonal variations, the earnings of bituminous miners, absenteeism, and the cost of living. The presentation of the statistical material is made particularly attractive by the excellent charts drawn under the supervision of Mr. Ralph G. Hurlin, statistician of the Foundation.

Changes in the Research Organization of the Federal Reserve Board. On May 1 the headquarters of the Division of Analysis and Research of the Federal Reserve Board were transferred from New York City to Washington, D. C. Dr. H. Parker Willis has tendered his resignation as director of the Division, to become effective July 1, but he will continue to work with the Division as consulting economist. Dr. W. H. Steiner has been appointed acting chief, and Mr. H. W. Van Pelt, assistant chief. Mr. Van Pelt will supervise the foreign work of the Division. He will be assisted by Mr. Robert B. Warren, formerly associate editor of the *American City Magazine*, Mr. G. B. Sherwell, formerly assistant manager of the Foreign Department of the Battery National Bank of New York, Mr. M. Nadler, and Miss Ruth Peterson, each of whom will devote attention to a special group of countries. The work on domestic business con-

ditions will be under the supervision of Mr. Lawrence B. Mann, who will be assisted by Mr. Woodlief Thomas. Thus, the work of the Division will continue substantially along the same lines as heretofore, principal consideration being given to domestic and foreign business conditions. Careful attention will be given to the perfection of the regular services in each of these two fields, and special studies on topics of interest will be made from time to time as deemed desirable.

Special Meetings of the Association. A special meeting of the American Statistical Association, arranged by the Committee on Business Research, was held on April 13 at the Machinery Club in New York City, the subject for discussion being "Research in Advertising Agencies." Addresses were given by C. W. Hoyt, of Hoyt's Service, Inc., on "The Work of an Advertising Agency"; by Stewart Mims, of the J. Walter Thompson Co., on "The Problem of Research to the Agency and its Clients"; by Joseph Richards, of Joseph Richards Co., on "Methods of Agency Research for its Clients"; and by C. A. Hoppock, of H. K. McCann Co., on "The Use and Methods of Research for the Agency." About 100 members and guests were present.

The Committee on Business Research is planning to hold another meeting in New York early in June, and two or three additional meetings during the fall and early winter. The Committee hopes, through these meetings and through its other activities, (a) to aid in more clearly defining the purpose and scope of business research, to the end that its proper place in a business organization may become more apparent and that the most effective relating of research to management may be brought about; (b) to promote discussion of the methods of such research; and (c) to encourage the interchange of ideas and information among persons engaged in business research.

Convention of Labor Officials. The ninth Annual Convention of Governmental Officials of the United States and Canada was held at Harrisburgh, Pa., May 22-26. The program included a child welfare session, and sessions for the discussion of the chief labor problems—mediation, conciliation, compensation, minimum wage and hours, etc. Many labor commissioners were present, and there was a large delegation of labor officials representing the federal government.

The Department of Labor and Industry held its annual meeting at the same time, and included, among others, sessions of safety engineers, the Advisory Council on Women and Children, and the Industrial Editors Association.

English Economics Journal. *Economica*, the journal of the London School of Economics in which original work by those connected with the School and others finds its vent, is now well established. The fifth number of the journal has just been published. (Annual subscription 7s 6d, to the Secretary, School of Economics, University of London. Issued three times a year.)

Population of Canada by Provinces. The following figures for 1921 are preliminary only, and subject to revision upon the completion of the census:

Alberta, 588,702; British Columbia, 524,563; Manitoba, 612,565; New Brunswick, 387,876; Nova Scotia, 523,837; Ontario, 2,929,054; Prince Edward Island, 88,615; Quebec, 2,349,067; Saskatchewan, 762,004; Yukon, 4,162; North West Territories, 6,684; Royal Canadian Navy, 485.

Meeting of the Committee on the Growth of Children. A third meeting of the Committee of Representatives of National Organizations interested in the study of growth of children was held at the office of Dr. L. Emmett Holt, New York City, on March 4, to discuss plans for standard tables of heights and weights of children. The members of the committee, which is constituted an advisory committee of the National Child Health Council, are: Drs. L. Emmett Holt, Chairman; Bird T. Baldwin, Taliaferro Clark, Louis I. Dublin, W. R. P. Emerson, S. McC. Hamill, Frank Manny, W. T. Porter, Anna E. Rude, Edgar Sydenstricker, Thomas D. Wood, Robert M. Woodbury, and Mrs. Ira Couch Wood.

The University of London is granting a new degree in Commerce which has attracted a very large number of students. The first group of candidates will proceed to their final graduation examination in the summer.

Professor Edmund E. Day has resigned his professorship at Harvard University, to take effect in February, 1923, in order to undertake new and more varied duties at the University of Michigan. The new appointment carries with it the titles of Professor of Economics, Chairman of the Department of Economics, and Director of the Curricula in Business Administration.

Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, third vice-president and statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company, has accepted a position with the Babson Institute at Wellesley Hills, Mass. He is to be dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration, which is a new feature of the Institute. Dr. Hoffman took up his new duties the first of May, but he still retains his connection with the Prudential Insurance Company, and as far as is possible his services will remain available to the government, insurance companies, and other businesses, to labor, and to voluntary health and welfare promoting agencies.

Dr. Hoffman has recently returned from a seven months' trip across South America, undertaken for the purpose of scientific inquiry into problems of tropical mortality and their relation to insurance. As yet no publicity has been given to the results of his investigations.

Mr. J. H. Riddle, recently a member of the staff of the Statistics Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and an instructor at Columbia University, is now chief of the Statistics Section of the Secretary's Office at the Treasury Department.

Professor Robert Riegel, of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, is to give a course in insurance and one in statistics at the coming summer session of Northwestern University.

Mr. Harry S. Fischer has been placed in charge of the Bureau of Statistics of the New York Transit Commission.

Mr. W. A. Berridge, instructor and tutor in Economics at Harvard University, has won the first of three prizes awarded by the Pollak Foundation for Economic Research. "Unemployment and the Business Cycle" was the subject of his essay.

APPOINTMENTS ON COMMITTEES FOR 1922

At a meeting on February 16, 1922, the Board of Directors appointed the following committees:

Committee on Measurement of Employment: Mary Van Kleeck, Chairman; A. J. Altmeyer, C. B. Baldwin, W. A. Berridge, R. D. Cahn, F. E. Croxton, R. G. Hurlin, M. O. Lorenz, D. C. Lescoghier, E. B. Patton, R. F. Phelps, W. H. Steiner, F. G. Tryon.

Committee on Business Research: F. Leslie Hayford, Chairman; Andrew H. Melville, First Vice-Chairman; W. L. Glenzing, Second Vice-Chairman; S. L. Andrew, L. P. Ayers, E. S. Bradford, R. C. Craig, C. S. Duncan, Earle Clark, L. K. Frank, J. E. Pogue, T. K. Stevenson, H. Parker Willis.

Committee on Institutional Statistics: H. M. Pollock, Chairman; Edith Abbott, Kate Halliday Claghorn, Edith M. Furbush, Joseph A. Hill, R. M. Woodbury.

Committee on Membership: Edwin W. Kopf, Chairman; Arthur R. Burnet, Robert E. Chaddock.

Committee on Program and Place of Next Annual Meeting: W. S. Rossiter, Chairman; L. P. Ayres, R. E. Chaddock, L. I. Dublin, W. F. Ogburn.

MEMBERS ELECTED SINCE FEBRUARY

Armour, H. Richmond, statistician, Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co., New York City

Baird, Ralph P., Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., Omaha, Neb.

Bishop, Wilfred M., Statistical Dept., General Motors Corp., Detroit, Mich.

Dodge, Martin, Merchants Association of New York, New York City

Flinn, Harold M., American Tel. & Tel. Co., New York City

Forsberg, Allen B., Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis.

Fox, A. Manuel, lecturer, College of the City of New York, New York City

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Oglesby, Earnest J., Dept. of Mathematics, New York University, New York City

Rankin, Francis B., American Tel. & Tel. Co., New York City

Rollins, Harold E., Asst. Statistician, Dennison Mfg. Co., Framingham, Mass.

Tanner, John B., president of Tanner-Gilman School, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Weaver, Spencer E., graduate student, Columbia University, New York City